

Remarks

This is intended to be a complete response to the official action mailed March 2, 2007, in which claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-20 and 22-27 were indicated as allowable and claims 7, 14 and 21 were indicated as rejected. Applicants appreciate the indication of allowability of claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-20 and 22-27. Claims 7, 14 and 21 have been cancelled herein without prejudice.

Rejection under § 102(e) and § 103(a)

Claims 7, 14 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Smalley et al. 6692717, in view of Chattopadhyay article.

Claims 7, 14 and 21 have been cancelled without prejudice, and to advance prosecution of the present application. Claims similar to present claims 7, 14 and 21 are currently pending in co-pending U.S. Serial No. 10/720,247. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the cancellation of the claims.

Resubmission of IDS

Applicants submit herewith a copy each of the Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant dated January 3, 2007, as well as the filing fee for consideration.

Conclusion

In view of the above, applicants respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance of claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-20 and 22-27.

Respectfully submitted,



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